

WHEREAS, Americans in all parts of the United States celebrated the nation's Bicentennial in appropriate and meaningful ways; and,

WHEREAS, The citizens of South Dakota responded to the call for participation and the State ranked third and fourth nationally in the number of projects and programs which were planned to carry out the observance; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Bicentennial Commission and its staff played an important role in the coordination of and the development of meaningful programs the width and breadth of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Members of the Commission gave of themselves and their time, and the members of the Bicentennial Commission staff worked long beyond the normal working hours to make the South Dakota Bicentennial observance the success that it was; and;

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Bicentennial Commission and staff hold its final formal meeting at Yankton, South Dakota on Friday, May 20, 1977:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 20, 1977, as

#### BICENTENNIAL APPRECIATION DAY

In South Dakota to recognize the members of the Commission and its staff for the outstanding job that has been done and the contributions which have been made to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, On this day, may this special proclamation serve as a special thank you to

DIRECTOR ARNIE STENSETH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 2nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. TIERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE